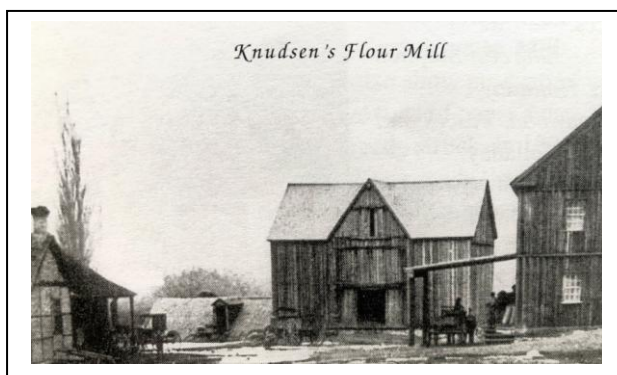


KNUDSEN'S CORNER-THE BEGINNING OF BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON ROAD

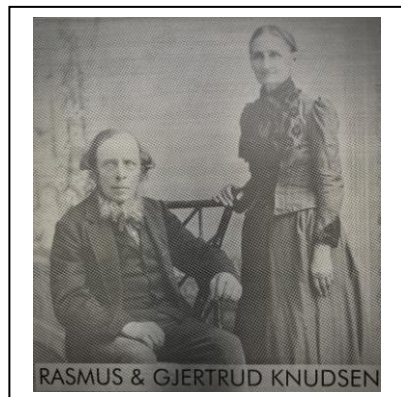
The mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon is officially located at Knudsen's Corner, the intersection of 6200 South and Holladay Boulevard, where the Tuscany Restaurant now stands. UDOT marks Knudsen's Corner as Mile Post #1 of Highway 190, Big Cottonwood Road.



When Rasmus Knudsen of Arlborg, Denmark, immigrated to Utah in 1864, he built several sawmills in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Then in 1871 Knudsen purchased the wooded area around the 6200 South and Holladay Boulevard intersection to build a flour mill on the southeast corner of the property (current site of the Tuscany Restaurant.) It took 5 years to build, and operated for 30 years, winning prizes for its high quality products, including white flour, cornmeal, hominy, and steel cut oatmeal.

In 1912, Rasmus' son Rudolph opened the popular Knudsen's Grove campsite to the southwest of the flour mill in a beautiful stand of shady oak trees. There were 9 little cabins there when Rasmus' daughter Pearl, opened a screened outdoor café that attracted many summer visitors.

In 1919 Rudolph Knudsen opened a small restaurant and store, Knudsen Inn. In 1925, the restaurant was sold to the Dyers family who ran it for many years as a popular country lunch stand famous for its "toasted buttered-bun" hamburgers and ice cream. Misfortune struck when the Knudsen Inn burned to the ground.



The next owner used the same stones to rebuild the restaurant and named it "The Heather". It became a popular gathering place in the 1970s. It was renamed "The Bridlewood Restaurant" when it was sold to new owners. In 1994, Mark Eaton (Utah Jazz player from 1982-1993) bought the restaurant and redesigned it as an Italian Alps chalet. He called it "Tuscany". He also purchased the old Edythe Smith cabin next door and opened a French restaurant, "Franck's House". Both restaurants have received many Zagat and Best of State Dining Awards.



The Cotton Bottom, just across the street, was recently purchased by the Bar X Group. Plans are to preserve the bar area (famous for its garlic burgers) and add a family dining room.

The City of Holladay created a new 7.3 acre Knudsen's Park, which opened in April 2019. The scenic area along Big Cottonwood Creek, features a playground with a water area for kids, a pavilion, picnic tables, and a hammock garden for hanging around in your own hammock. There's even a bike and hiking trail that connects to the Old Mill Historic Trail.